

Future Planning Committee Meeting Minutes - Monday Nov 14, 2022

Present - Charlie, Chris, Ann Marie

Began 8:00

Ended

Old Business

Report on Action items and outreach - Charlie

- Met with Montclair -
 - Management of Endowment - They could manage the funds for certain social action if we have a champion "on the ground."
 - They are active in Eighth Principle work
 - Strong history of internships - An intern might be dedicated to pastoral care
 - There are people who attend who live in our area, and some former members
 - Beautiful historic sanctuary. (Fishbowl?) Former Montclair library.
- Distance is a potential problem, and they don't have a lot of parking - Carpooling
- You've been in conversation with Summit and the BOT and others are visiting 12/4 to look at new facilities.
- Not able to reach HUUB (Daniel) via email so far.

Charlie BOT - Looking for lawyers with non-profit experience.

- **Spoke to a potential candidate - Price tag for legal work required is 10-20k**
- Trey Beck - Thinks he might be able to get his firm to quote a fixed price (10k?)
- This is a big legal firm, used to dealing with multimillion dollar groups.
- Spoke to an alternates - Appt on Thurs
- Ann Marie
 - Suggest speaking to other churches/synagogues?
 - Frank Hershowitz - Summit
 - Possibly transferring ownership to Food Pantry or other corporation.
 - Possible - Somerset Hills may also have a lawyer (Created another 501.c3
- Continuing to exist as a corp NOT an option unless there are people willing to serve as a board, possibly.

Chris - Worship Comm

- Scheduled visits
- Social Events

Overview/review of survey results and how to share these with the congregation.

- Submitted summary to the Board
- Chris to draft some talking points on the survey for the congregation
- Ann Marie pointed out that whatever congregation we consider, should offer some small-group opportunities for our group to maintain connections.
- Somerset would basically get out of the way to that process
- Summit - Community of communities is part of their mission, and they would create space for that sort of community to exist. Possibly the most active support available.
 - Offering space specifically for this sort of gathering.
- Montclair might be too far, but would also support (possibly remotely)
- Short-timers - More interest in varied and interesting worship
- Log-termers - Ministerial care, social gatherings,

Charlie's endowment idea

- Discussed
- Will need to be a series of meetings and decision points leading up to the final annual meeting.
- There are other people in the food pantry - Conversations with Joanne and Maisha need to include planning for the future

Next steps for our group Nov/Dec

Detailed report on where we are for the Board for Dec

Formal recommendations for the Board for January

Action Items

- Letter to congregation - Chris "Trust the process, and engage."
 - An opportunity to do something good
 - Different styles - Trust the choice
- Charlie - To continue looking for lawyers
- Chris needs to draft a version of the survey results for general consumption
- Chris to assemble a list of Social Action partners for member choices